

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Yoshihisa SHIRASAKI et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
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ALPHA-KETOAMIDE DERIVATIVE, AND  
PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Prior to calculating the filing fee**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: